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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Akihiko OHTA et al.

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Examiner: Kevin P. Kerns

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MATERIAL HAVING LOW
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Election of Species Requirement dated August 29, 2006.

The claims are 1 to 11.

Undersigned acknowledges with appreciation the telephone call from the Examiner on September 27, 2006 which acknowledges that Group Ib should include claims 5 to 11 and Group Ia should include claims 1 to 4.

Accordingly, in reply to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the species of Group Ib i.e. claims 5 to 11.

Favorable action is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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